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My Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

In view of the special message which I had sent to all of you I will make this one brief. I would first of all wish all of you the very happiest, healthiest, and most prosperous New Year. Secondly I would like to thank each of you who took time from a busy holiday to send me greetings. They were thoroughly enjoyed and deeply appreciated.

Very soon it will be Spring again and we will all be conscious once again of the needs of our gardens and especially what to do for them. If there is any special information you need, please write in and we will do our very best to see that you get it.

The time is drawing near for the Florida State Fair and again this year as usual you will find us there the last week of the Fair with our judged show on the last day. (Saturday, February 16, 1963). If you have or know of anyone who has any bloom at all bring them by all means. There will be the usual prizes.

The last quarterly Board meeting before the Annual Meeting will be held in Tampa on February 16 and 17 and anyone who wishes to do so may sit in and observe the proceedings. Your interest and attendance is invited and encouraged. This is your organization and the officers are only your agents elected to run it to your advantage. There will be a meeting of the Show and Judging Rules Committee and also the Nomenclature Committee following the Judges luncheon in the Director's room on the Fairgrounds. All interested persons are invited to attend and any suggestions will be most welcome.

In the very near future we hope to have some vital information on the protection of your plants in case of cold, so watch all issues of the Seed Pod for articles and information.

May the Good Lord look on all you love, tenderly, today.

Rosalie Wylie.